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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, AF
SUBJ: IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: A) STATE 212172, B) KABUL 7013 (NOTAL)

1. ON SEPT 3, THE AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING, HOSTED BY FRG AMBASSADOR HOFFMANN, OF AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES FROM THE BONN SUMMIT COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS AN APPROACH TO THE DRA RE THE SUBJECT DECLARATION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT AMBASSADOR HOFFMANN WOULD MAKE AN ORAL DEMARCHE TO FONMIN AMIN AND SIMULTANEOUSLY DELIVER AN AGREED JOINT NOTE SEEKING DRA SUPPORT FOR THE DECLARATION.

2. ON SEPT 6, HOFFMANN CIRCULATED A DRAFT NOTE TO WHICH WE SUGGESTED SOME CHANGES SO AS TO CONFORM MORE CLOSELY WITH OUR INSTRUCTIONS (REF A). HOFFMANN ACCEPTED MOST OF THOSE SUGGESTIONS AND MADE THE DEMARCHE TO AMIN ON SEPT 10.

3. HOFFMANN INFORMED US THAT HE EXPLAINED TO AMIN THE BACKGROUND AND MEANING OF THE DECLARATION, DELIVERED THE NOTE, SUMMARIZED BELOW, AND REITERATED THE SUMMIT GOVERNMENTS' REQUESTS THAT THE DRA EXPRESS, IF POSSIBLE IN A PUBLISHED STATEMENT, ITS SUPPORT
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AND ADHERENCE TO THE DECLARATION. HOFFMANN NOTED THAT AMIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE DECLARATION'S AUTHORS AND STATED THAT HIS GOVT FULLY AGREED WITH THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN IT. AMIN PROMISED HOFFMANN A FORMAL REPLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. THE NOTE STIPULATED THAT HOFFMANN WAS ACTING ON BEHALF OF

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THE SEVEN CHIEFS OF MISSIONS AND DIRECTED AMIN'S ATTENTION TO
THE BONN DECLARATION WHICH WAS QUOTED VERBATIM. THE NOTE ADDED
THAT "IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANT FUNCTION THAT THE DRA FULFILLS
IN INTERNATIONAL AIR COMMUNICATIONS", THE SEVEN, "ON BEHALF OF
THEIR GOVERNMENTS, WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE IF THE DRA GOVT
WOULD FIND ITSELF IN A POSITION TO EXPRESS, IF POSSIBLE ALSO IN
A PUBLISHED STATEMENT, ITS SUPPORT FOR THE OBJECTIVES OF THE BONN
DECLARATION AND ITS ADHERENCE TO THE COMMITMENTS CONTAINED THEREIN.
THEY WISH TO ADD THAT, IN THE VIEW OF THE SEVEN GOVTS, SUCH
APPROVAL AND ADHERENCE WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY CONSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP
IN AN INSTITUTIONAL BODY." THE NOTE'S SUBSTANTIVE PORTION
CONCLUDED WITH A REQUEST THAT ANY ONE OF THE CHIEFS OF MISSION
BE INFORMED OF THE DRA'S ATTITUDE. (EMBASSY WILL FORWARD A
COPY OF THE NOTE TO NEA/PAB.)
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